

me time

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relax, reflect, refresh

Best-Price Beauty

Experts reveal their drugstore makeup faves—and the high-end products that are *truly* worth the investment

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SPRING FOR **BLUSH**

Cheap blush has too little pigment and too much filler, so the color won't be true, blend well, or last, says Petra Strand of Pixi by Petra at Target.

TRY *Sephora Collection Colorful Blush (1)*, shown in *Fuchsia Flash* and *Rose Pop*. *Sephora.com*, \$15.

SPRING FOR **CONCEALER**

You'll have more shade options and a barely there finish. A pen or brush gives precise coverage, so you use less.

TRY *By Terry Touch-Expert Advanced Multi-Corrective Concealer Brush (2)*, shown in *Vanilla Beige*. *Beauty.com*, \$46.

SPRING FOR **EYE SHADOW**

It's worth spending for richer colors, says Romy Soleimani, beauty director at large for *Beauty.com*. Finer particles and less talc make for smooth application and easy blending.

TRY *Urban Decay Eye Shadow (3)*, shown in *Verve*. *Urbandecay.com*, \$18.

SAVE ON **EYELINER**

The key quality you want is a tug-free glide—and the formula that makes liner creamy is used by mass brands.

TRY *CoverGirl Queen Vivid Impact Eyeliner (4)*, shown in *Gilt*, \$4.

SAVE ON **MASCARA**

Applicators have been universally modernized and mascara is cheap to make, says Soleimani. Why pay more?

TRY *Boots No7 Extravagant Volume Mascara (5)*, shown in *Black*. *Target*, \$8.

SAVE ON **LIP COLOR**

Ingredients are pretty standard. With pricey products, you're paying for packaging, Strand reveals.

TRY *Revlon ColorBurst Lip Butter (6)*, shown in *Cupcake*, *Lollipop*, and *Candy Apple*, \$6.



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